GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4316
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
KHADI ARTISANS
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Khadi artisans in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the welfare measures taken by the Government for these artisans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANJAY GAUTAM)

(a): The number of Khadi artisans State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh, is given at Annexure-I.

(b): The Khadi programme is regulated by a set of certification rules, under which provisions have been made for artisans Welfare Fund and Artisans Benefit Fund for the Welfare of spinners and weavers engaged in khadi programme, which is applicable for Andhra Pradesh also.